

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No.: HB 523
Subject: Roads & Highways; Transportation; MoDOT
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Department of Economic Development–Division of Tourism** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials with the **Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** assume the proposal will not have any fiscal impact on the agency. MoDOT officials note that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has indicated that there will be no adverse effects on federal funding under the federal-state agreement.

In response to identical legislation, officials with the **City of Saint Louis** assumed the proposal had no fiscal impact on the city. **Oversight** assumes no fiscal impact to municipalities as a result of the proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses providing or utilizing billboard advertisements would experience a direct fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill makes numerous revisions to Missouri's billboard laws.

SIGN SIZE

Stacked sign structures, existing on or before August 28, 1999, along an interstate or primary route in an industrial or commercial area will be considered legal nonconforming structures and may be maintained as required by law. The use of cutouts or extensions on conforming or nonconforming signs will be allowed. Currently, stacked signs are treated as conforming structures and allowed to be rebuilt once before they are considered nonconforming. Construction of stacked signs after August 28, 1999, is currently prohibited.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

SIGN SPACING

No sign can be erected within 1,000 feet of an existing sign on all classes of highways on the National Highway System.

Existing signs failing to meet the standard will be deemed legal nonconforming structures if the Federal Highway Administration and Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission allow the use of temporary cutouts and extensions on nonconforming signs. If federal or state regulations prohibit use of temporary cutouts or extensions on the signs, all signs erected prior to the effective date of this legislation in compliance with current law will be considered conforming for all purposes and may be maintained or rebuilt in their present location. The current allowable distance between signs is 500 feet.

COMMERCIAL ZONING

The area across the highway from a business as included in the commercial area, unless it also has commercial activity, is excluded in unzoned commercial areas. Current law allows signs on the opposite side of the highway in these areas on two-lane primary roads.

Signs cannot be built on commercially or industrially zoned property unless a commercial business is located within 600 feet of the sign. Businesses in an unzoned commercial area must have someone on the premises for at least 20 hours a week.

PERMITS

After the effective date of the bill, no new permits can be issued unless the applicant voluntarily surrenders 2 or more existing permits for each new permit until the number of permits issued is 11,000 or less. Owners of signs would be allowed to remove signs and bank removal credits for future use. The Highways and Transportation Commission must publish an annual report indicating the number of permitted off-premises structures on all classes of highways on the National Highway System.

VEGETATION

The right to a vegetation permit will be automatic, unless there is a showing of clear and convincing proof that such a permit will pose a risk to public safety.

The bill has an emergency clause.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Transportation
Department of Economic Development
Division of Tourism
City of Saint Louis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a cursive "e" at the end.

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director

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